

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

2. The weapon usually carried by train control unit personnel was the 7.62 mm PPS M1948 SMG. "Model 1948" was stamped on the weapon which was from the Polish Arms Factory in Radom. [redacted]

50X1-HUM

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION~~

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/02/22 : CIA-RDP80-00809A000600010251-8

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET

-2-

for duty. Officers of GPK 13 had TT pistols. The unit also had a few PPSH SMGs on hand. [redacted] RG42 grenades were on hand in the warehouse. [redacted] no further details about arms and ammunition in my unit or in the warehouse. There were no artillery or mortar shells, or bombs [redacted]

3. The CO of GPK 13 had a Willys jeep, the only vehicle of the unit. At one time [redacted] there was an identification sign [redacted] in Stettin/Gumlinen, which read: "Border Control Point, Military Border Guards."

Training and Maneuvers

4. When a member [redacted] was not on duty he was required to participate in the following unit training: close-order drill, carbine drill, movement in the field under simulated combat conditions, field observation, physical training, and political propaganda lectures. [redacted]

Supply and Maintenance

5. The maintenance on the single vehicle [redacted] was done by the driver. Insofar as weapons repair is concerned, [redacted] damaged weapons were turned in for the issue of new ones. [redacted] repairs and spare parts were available from the supply depot at the 12th WOP Brigade in Stettin. The only supply depot [redacted] was the one for the 12th WOP Brigade in Stettin. [redacted]

Manpower

6. [redacted] The first registration was in October 1949 [redacted] The second registration and physical was in April 1950, at Lublin (5115N-2234E). About 50 conscripts of the class of 1929 from the Lublin area attended this registration. They were told that deferments would be given only to those suffering from heart ailments, tuberculosis and flat feet. [redacted]

[redacted] There was no choice of service available to these conscripts. At this time there was no check on political reliability, but later [redacted] attempts were made to check [redacted] political sympathies.

7. The oldest class in the WOP is 1929, and the youngest 1930. Between 15-16 Oct 51 the class of 1928 was demobilized and the class of 1930 went on border duty. The oldest class in the army is 1928 and the youngest is 1930. [redacted]

[redacted] all members of the 1929 and 1930 classes have been called to service. The WOP inducts men in the spring and demobilizes them in October; the infantry, artillery and other army services induct men in the autumn and demobilize them in the spring. [redacted]

[redacted] induction

SECRET

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

-3-

SECRET

and demobilization were normal and did not vary from the usual procedure. [redacted]

[redacted] the term of service for WOP and KBW NCOs and privates is 27 months. Other soldiers told [redacted] that WOP NCOs who signed an extension or joined the regular army were given pensions and promotions. [redacted] the term of service of Army NCOs and privates is three years and [redacted] an order published in October 1951 [redacted] extended the required term of service for the Air Force and Navy from three to four years. [redacted] reservists are called for active duty [redacted]

8.

9.

10. During basic training there was a question period after every lecture on political information. Each soldier was required to answer a set [redacted] "hell, hell" according to his answers. Sometimes the soldiers were given pamphlets and material on western imperialism, England and the United States. Religion and priests were considered to be the enemies of the state. There were some men who questioned the political propaganda, but these were told pointedly to accept what they were told.

Purges

11. [redacted] an anti-Soviet revolt in Warsaw carried out by Polish officers in August and September 1951, but the movement was put down.

Morale

12. There was a good bit of griping and grumbling among the soldiers about the long hours of work. Sometimes as many as 20 trains came through and the soldiers worked for 48 to 72 hours with little sleep. Pay was poor, passes and leaves were few and far between, and the repetition of propaganda which could not be questioned worsened morale. The EM resented the fact that the officers could live outside the barracks compound. Two officers in particular of the GPK 13 caused the men unnecessary misery and were hated. The fact that religious worship was not tolerated in the field also was resented.

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

-4-

SECRET

50X1-HUM

National Security Corps

15. [] the following WOP units:

50X1-HUM

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>
12th WOP Brigade (8th WOP Brigade until 10 Oct 50)	Warsaw WOP Hq	Moniuszki Ulica, Stettin (the courier for GPK 13 mentioned that brigade head- quarters moved to Mickiewicz Ulica (near the 123d Bn) about 18 Oct 51, for security and WOP centralization)
123d WOP Bn (42d WOP Bn until 10 Oct 50)	12th WOP Brigade	Mickiewicz Ulica, Stettin
Train Control Unit	12th WOP Brigade	Stettin/Gumienice

16. The actual T/O of GPK 13 was 43 pvt's, two NCOs and two officers. [] the T/O was supposed to include 60 EM. When the unit went on border duty there were 59 EM, but later there were only 43 pvt's and two NCOs; []

50X1-HUM

[] train control unit GPK 13 was directly subordinate to the 12th WOP Brigade. [] the guards working border posts between Germany and Poland were subordinated directly to their respective battalions. []

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

17. The 12th WOP Brigade secured the Stettin area and GPK 13 secured the Stettin/Gumienice area. []

50X1-HUM

Anti-Communist Activities

18. [] in 1950-51 that there were Polish groups in the Lublin area who fought against Communist influence by killing and drowning Polish Communists and soldiers who had Communist leanings or who were Communists.

50X1-HUM

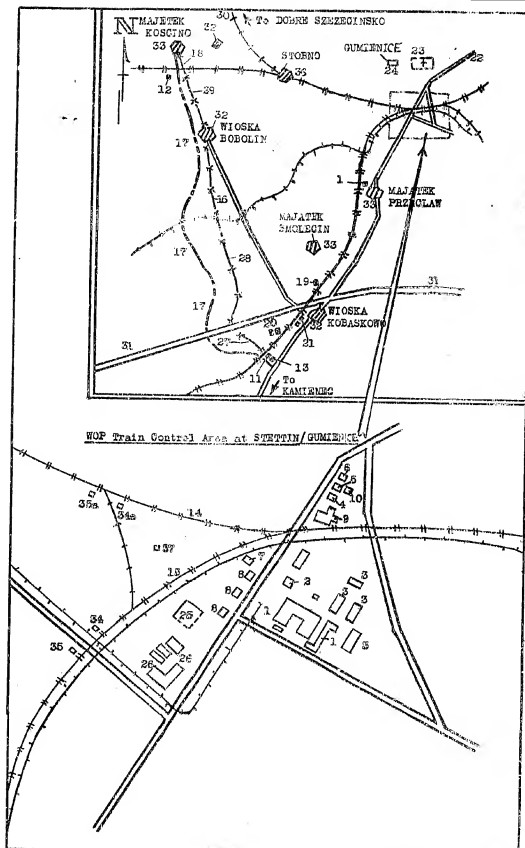
SECRET

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

Enclosure (A)
Page -1-

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET



SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET

Enclosure (A)
Page -2-

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

WOP Train Control Area at SERTIN/GUMENICE

Legend

1. Sugar factory
2. Polish civilian train control building
3. Garage, stable, and housing for civilians
4. German customs bureau (first stories)
5. One story entrance for personnel of GPK 13
6. Polish customs office
7. Customs control - civilian personnel actually check the trains in the control areas at 14 and 15.
8. German civilian (natives) housing
9. Military village - control building and telephone central
10. Apartment house
- 11, 12, 13. Guard shack. Polish guards are stationed at each of these points. When a train arrives at the check point it is halted, the control building (9) is notified, and the train is given permission to go ahead to the next check point 14 and 15. Two of the three guards from the train, one in the locomotive and one in the last car, in order to protect to the check point.
- 14, 15. Control areas. In these areas the train is actually and thoroughly checked by guards and civilians. Checks are made to discover IEDs or other illegal passengers, guns or wires are poked into coal or other freight to discover papers, papers, or packages hidden in the goods. All mailbags and wires of loading are checked carefully.
16. Barbed wire fence, 5-60 feet high. Between the fence and the border is a tripwire system of tripwire.
17. German guard post.
18. Double anti-aircraft net for anti-aircraft.
19. Former German railroad station, now unused.
20. Empty houses.
21. Isolated houses (German).
22. Suburb area at SERTIN.
23. German cemetery.
24. SERTIN/GUMENICE.
25. Destroyed factory.
26. Polish state grain warehouse.
27. Guard Post Patrol 461 (not subordinate to GPK 13) area which stretches approximately from KAMIERNO to the WARSAW autobahn.
28. Guard Post Patrol 462 (not subordinate to GPK 13) area which covers the area from BOBOLIN to the WARSAW autobahn.
29. Guard Post Patrol 463 (not subordinate to GPK 13) area, from BOBOLIN to DOLUJA.
30. Guard Post Patrol 464 (not subordinate to GPK 13) area, from DOLUJA to DOLUJA.
31. WARSAW-RENNING autobahn (autobahn).
32. Wioska means village; thus Wioska BOBOLIN is village of BOBOLIN, etc.
33. Majatek refers to a farm; thus Majatek Smolezin is a farm area of SMOLEZIN.
- 34, 35a. Traffic control checks.
- 35b. Military building.
36. STORNO railroad station.
37. Railroad switch tower.

SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET